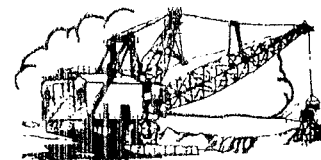




# HAZEL L. BOWMAN

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August 7, 2001

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Sen. John Laurent  
The Florida Senate  
250 North Clark Avenue  
Bartow, FL 33830

Dear Sen. Laurent:

New legislative and congressional district lines will profoundly affect all of us in the next decade.

Why, then, will Polk Countians have no opportunity to attend hearings without traveling to other counties? For some of us such travel is impossible. Finding parking, and even seating, will be problematical. And if these meetings are held in the daytime, many voters will be unable to attend.

The Polk County commission auditorium in Bartow offers accommodation superior to that suggested at other places. Lakeland has several sites that will accommodate more attendees.

If legislative leaders truly want public input, please let us know that you will see that Polk residents may attend the hearings in a Polk County setting.

I look forward to your reply.

Most sincerely yours,

Hazel L. Bowman (Miss)

CC: Sen. Daniel Webster; Speaker Tom Feeney



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Representative Mario Diaz-Balart, Vice Chair  
Procedural & Redistricting Council  
404 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear Representative Diaz-Balart:

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Sincerely,

Todd J. Bonlarron, Director  
Legislative Affairs

TJB/sh

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Senate Committee on Reapportionment  
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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY REQUESTING THE ADOPTION OF AN APPORTIONMENT PLAN IN WHICH PALM BEACH COUNTY RESIDENTS COMPRISE A MAJORITY OF THE CONSTITUENCY IN THE SENATORIAL AND REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS CREATED; DIRECTING THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO THE SENATE REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE PROCEDURAL AND REDISTRICTING COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, in the second year following each decennial census, the Florida Constitution Art. III, sec. 16, requires the legislature to apportion the state into specified senatorial and representative districts in accordance with state and federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, since the United States Decennial Census of 1990, Palm Beach County has evolved into an intensely populated area of unique, well-defined interests; and

**WHEREAS**, the senatorial and representative districts established in 1992 and based upon United States Decennial Census of 1990 do not uniformly provide equal representation for the citizens of Palm Beach County based upon current census data; and

**WHEREAS**, respecting the boundaries of political subdivisions such as Palm Beach County is a traditional districting principle recognized by the United States Supreme Court; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the community of interest established in Palm Beach County, the need to provide County residents equal representation, and respect for the County's geographic boundaries, the Board of County of Commissioners hereby urges the Florida Legislature to adopt an apportionment plan that minimizes overlap of senatorial and representative districts into counties adjacent to Palm Beach County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:**

1. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and form a part of this Resolution.
2. The Board of County of Commissioners hereby requests the Florida Legislature to adopt an apportionment plan in which Palm Beach County residents comprise a majority of the constituency in the senatorial and representative districts created .

3. The Board of County Commissioners hereby directs that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Senate Reapportionment Committee and the House Procedural and Redistricting Council.

4. The provisions of this Resolution shall become effective upon approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Marcus, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Masilotti, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

WARREN H. NEWELL, CHAIRMAN Aye

CAROL A. ROBERTS, VICE CHAIR Aye

BURT AARONSON Aye

ADDIE L. GREENE Aye

KAREN T. MARCUS Aye

TONY MASILOTTI Aye

MARY McCARTY Aye

The Chairman thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 24th day of July, 2001.

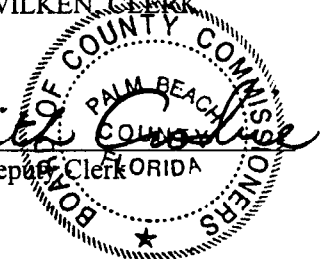
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By: [Signature]  
Assistant County Attorney

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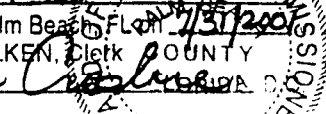
DOROTHY H. WILKEN, CLERK

By: [Signature]  
Deputy Clerk



STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF PALM BEACH  
I, DOROTHY H. WILKEN, ex-officio Clerk of the  
Board of County Commissioners, certify this to be a  
true and correct copy of the original filed in my office  
on JUL 24 2001

DATED at West Palm Beach, FL on 7/31/2001  
DOROTHY H. WILKEN, Clerk  
By: [Signature]



**Senator Daniel Webster, Chairman  
Senate Committee on Reapportionment**

**August 8, 2001**

**Re: Ocala Webster Center meeting-**

**Dear Senator Webster;**

**It gives me great pleasure to say "thank you" for meeting in Ocala, allowing citizens to participate in this historical decision, and in particular to have so many from our Capitol here to speak with everyone.**

**I personally did not speak- but did talk with Senator King, Cowin, our own Rep., Baxley and others. Being a concerned citizen, involved in our local government, and one who volunteers every day, gives me the opportunity to meet and speak with many people- one hears a lot this way, and I do listen. As one who helped organize a Homeowners Association in 1982- and has had the opportunity to serve the people in N.E. Marion County as their President 3 times and who sits on this same board with a dear friend, Howard Mautner who is President at this time we have grown a lot with our county, loving it all the way!**

**Yesterday I sat with three other dear friends, one Mr. Oaks (he wore the hat!), one of the ladies worked at the CFCC 23 years, the other also very community oriented and volunteers with me on several projects. We all had a wonderful experience listening, learning, meeting, and are now excited with what the outcome will be from it all?**

**Again, thank you for your great work for the people, the Committee did a fine presentation to us and do go forward with our appreciation to you all. I am,**

**Respectfully Yours,**

  
**Patricia (Pat) Sasso, Marion County Citizen/Volunteer  
E-Mail ROPASA@aol.com  
Ph. (352) 236-6045**

DAVID F. HARVEY

**CHERIFF**



August 8, 2001

Senator Daniel Webster, Chairman  
Florida Redistricting  
103 Senate Office Building  
404 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Re: 2001-2002 Congressional Redistricting

Dear Senator Webster:

Currently, the Second Congressional District of Florida spans nineteen counties, from Panama City through Tallahassee, almost reaching Jacksonville. This area of North Florida is distinctly rural, yet surprisingly diverse. There are a number of distinct communities of interest. These include: the agricultural community, a military base, our elderly, state employees, education interests, and many others.

Specifically, I feel the Legislature should focus on four issues in regard to Congressional redistricting in North Florida. First, the Legislature should avoid partisan or racial gerrymandering. Oddly shaped districts are often drawn to accomplish political gains by the party controlling the redistricting process. These political considerations may be given more emphasis than sensible geographic, economic or regional boundaries.

Second, a Congressional District for North Florida should be as compact as possible. Because of our relatively sparse population, it is inevitable that any district in North Florida will be geographically large. However, this does not mean it should be spread thinly across multiple regions of the state or have outreaching arms like an octopus. If the Legislature strings out the district, there is a risk of tearing apart communities that were traditionally in the same district.

...AKULLA COUNTY

15 Oak Street  
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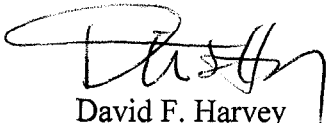
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Senator Webster

Third, the Legislature should be careful not to split communities of interest. Over the years certain communities have developed special bonds, either out of convenience or necessity. These communities rely upon each other for support because of their common interests. In North Florida we have everything from formal multi-county partnerships to informal cultural or family bonds that should be preserved in the redistricting process.

Finally, an objective tool in determining the fairness of the Congressional District boundaries will be whether the lines run North to South. Logically, the western boundary of a North Florida District should run from the Alabama state line to the Gulf of Mexico, and the eastern boundary should also be as near vertical as possible. If there is an attempt to gerrymander the boundary in other directions, we will be at risk of jeopardizing one or more of the three previous issues of focus.

If these four areas of focus are addressed fairly by the Legislature, North Florida should maintain a representational Congressional District. I appreciate the opportunity to voice my concerns about the redistricting process, and trust the procedures will be fair and open.

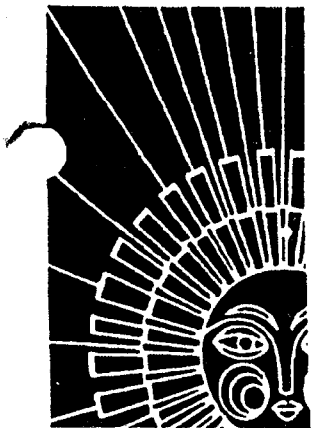
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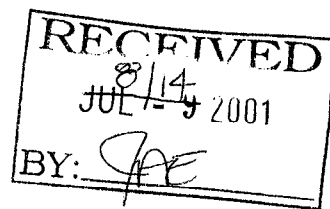
David F. Harvey  
Sheriff, Wakulla County

DFH/fw

cc: Representative Mario Diaz-Balart, Chairman  
Congressional Redistricting Committee  
402 S. Monroe Street  
203 House Office Building  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300



# Ocala • Marion County Chamber of Commerce



August 10, 2001


Mr. John Guthrey  
Staff Director of Technology  
Senate Committee on Reapportionment  
203 HOB  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Mr. Guthrey:

This is to follow-up on our conversation of Friday, August 10, 2001, concerning the population figures presented at the recent public hearing on reapportionment held in Ocala. Your power point presentation cited a population of Marion County of 209,000. Our investigation of the census shows a population of Marion County to be 258,916 individuals. We recommend the use of the 258,916 amount as a better report of Marion County population.

Thank you for your consideration of the change in population count used by the Reapportionment Committee.

Sincerely,

  
Michael D. Malone  
President



110 East Silver Springs Boulevard • Ocala, Florida 34470 • Telephone (352) 629-8051



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Dale & Lee Fisher  
324 Palm Drive, #1  
Naples, FL 34112  
941 775-8925

August 13, 2001

Daniel Webster, Chairman  
Florida Senate Reapportionment Committee  
Senate District 12  
315 South Dillard Street  
Winter Garden, FL 34787

Re: Redistricting

Dear Senator Webster:

Having more growth in Lee and Collier Counties in Southwest Florida than in the other counties in southwest Florida certainly does not justify expanding our boundaries across the state to counties on the east coast. How can an elected official effectively represent us if part of his constituency resides on the other side of the state in Palm Beach County. Common sense indicates that Southwest Florida can best be served by an elected official who is a resident of that area.

Sincerely,

*Dale R Fisher*  
*Lee Fisher*

-----Original Message-----

From: edoc [mailto:edoc@citicom.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2001 7:14 PM  
To: senateredistricting@leg.state.fl.us  
Subject: Questions About Redistricting

Dear Senator Webster,

Thank you for this site, it brings light into the old smoke-filled-rooms of the Democrat-controlled-past!

I am teaching American Federal Government to two class groups at the local community college this Fall and would like to clarify some things, please?

1. Personal question -- are you originally from NH? I am and I remember a politically active young man with your same historic name there (that was about 10-15 years ago, I think).
2. What are the criteria for sizing the districts? The Constitution doesn't seem to specify a formula other than a range of numbers of Senators.
3. Is it not possible that the Democrats might try to stall the redistricting in order to force it into the highly partisan Democrat State Supreme Court?
4. Anything else about State & Local government (principles and/or current events) that you'd like me to emphasize with the students? (Perhaps there is a video or some printed materials you have there in Talahassee that I could share or show?)

I will probably encourage more than one of the students to make Senate redistricting their course project.

Thanks!

Dr. David Colburn

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From: EMART51@aol.com  
Sent: Sunday, August 19, 2001 3:28 PM  
o: latvala.jack.web@leg.state.fl.us  
Subject: Redistricting

Honorable member:

I am a city commissioner in the city of Winter Springs. The Hispanic population made it to 10% as of the 200 census. I have been elected twice

becasue I am an integral part of the community and not part of an isolated group.

I do not believe that creating a Hispanic district merely to serve the ambitions of those not qualified to earn the trust and respect of the entire community is wrong.

The election of one Hispanic from a designated district representing hispanic

values does not add to the improvement of its people nor that of the community

On the contrary, it tends to divide the community and prevents the legislators from delivering the best services overall.

The resentment shown over the years over redistricting merely to satisfy a

group or a a class of people , causes that elected official to become isolated and thus non-productive. If you can't get the votes you can not

deliver.

Therefor; I am suggesting that your committee look to implement the

oters  
ights act as it is intended and that your redistricting plan address numbers

so that each district reflects as close as possible the same number of constituents regardless of race and/or ethnic background.

People need to learn that if you wish to become elcted to public office you

must get out there and through hard work earn the support of the majority of

the people by working with all the people.

The hhistory of this country was changed in the 60's and for 40 years we have

been dogged by this curse. It is time that we become one America again and

that all of our people join together in one effort for a better tomorrow.

Sorry I can not assit to deliver this message per sonally, but we do have

City Commission Public meeting and it is too important to miss.

Good luck and God Bless.

Edward Martinez Jr.  
Commissioner

Connie Gallagher  
2301 Ridgeside Road  
Apopka, Florida 32712

August 20, 2001

Honorable Senator Daniel Webster and Honorable Representative Johnnie B. Byrd  
Co-Chairs, Legislative Committee on Reapportionment  
The Capitol  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Senator Webster and Representative Byrd:

The intent of this letter is to request that the reapportionment of the Florida legislature, the community of Apopka be united in a single State House District. The entire community of Apopka is a single community with common interests. It is appropriate for a community of common interest to be in a single House District. The community needs to be a single State House District for the good & common interest of the community & the people of Apopka.

Your full consideration of this request will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

  
Connie S. Gallagher

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Allison Anthony [mailto:Alant26398@msn.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 21, 2001 11:02 AM

**To:** senateredistricting@leg.state.fl.us

**Subject:** REPRESENTATION

Districts 3,14, & 39 are the best thy can be mainly because representatives represent those which look like them.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-41

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VERO BEACH, FLORIDA, PETITIONING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ALLOW THE ENTIRE CITY OF VERO BEACH, AS WELL AS ALL OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, TO REMAIN WHOLLY WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF WHAT IS NOW KNOWN AS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 15.**

**WHEREAS**, Congressional District 15 is comprised of Indian River County, Brevard County, and parts of Osceola and Polk Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, based on data from the 2000 Census, Congressional District 15 will have to be reduced in size by approximately 80,000 residents, thereby changing its boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, Indian River County is the second largest county within Congressional District 15 and is only 30 miles from the primary population center of the Congressional District, thereby giving Indian River County a large percentage (approximately 16 percent) of the overall population of the district; and

**WHEREAS**, it is desirable for Indian River County to remain a large percentage of any Congressional District to ensure local elected officials and residents have substantial input into legislative proposals and can obtain a fair share of constituent services; and

**WHEREAS**, any change in Congressional boundaries would likely result in Indian River County being a lesser percentage of the population of a new or altered Congressional District, with a proportional loss of influence in the legislative process.



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VERO BEACH FLORIDA, that the City of Vero Beach does hereby petition the State Legislature for the entire City of Vero Beach, as well as all of Indian River County, to remain wholly within the boundaries of what is now known as Congressional District 15 once the redistricting process is complete. City staff is directed to transmit this resolution to all state elected officials representing Indian River County and the relevant committees in the State Legislature.

This resolution was moved for adoption by Councilmember Fletcher, seconded by Councilmember Neuberger, and adopted on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August 2001, by the following vote:

Mayor Thomas P. White

☒ Yes ☐ No

Vice Mayor Arthur R. Neuberger

☒ Yes ☐ No

Councilmember Sandra L. Bowden

☒ Yes ☐ No

Councilmember John R. Capra

☒ Yes ☐ No

Councilmember A. Craig Fletcher

☒ Yes ☐ No


ATTEST:

CITY OF VERO BEACH:

Sign: Tammy K. Vock  
Print: Tammy K. Vock  
Title: City Clerk

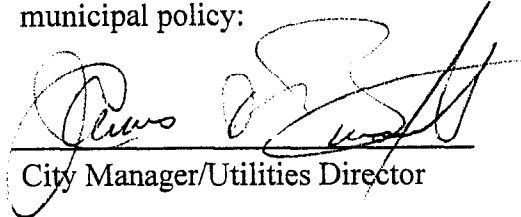
Sign: Thomas P. White  
Print: Thomas P. White  
Title: Mayor

Approved as to form  
and legal sufficiency:



City Attorney

Approved as conforming to  
municipal policy:



City Manager/Utilities Director

This instrument prepared  
in the office of the  
City Attorney  
P.O. Box 1389  
Vero Beach, FL 32961-1389

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Dr. William Peet [mailto:wpeet@drpeet.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 22, 2001 2:19 PM

**To:** senateredistricting@leg.state.fl.us

**Cc:** house.redistricting.web@leg.state.fl.us

**Subject:** Hearings without hearing

I would like to register my protest at the way the Florida Legislature is conducting the hearings on redistricting. "Hearings" is a euphemism at best in this case, since it is obvious that The Legislature does not really want to hear the voice of its constituents. Without a chance to respond to draft plans, there is no real opportunity for people to voice their views.

Bill Peet, Ph.D.

New Smyrna Beach

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Libby Peet [mailto:wpeet1@cfl.rr.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 22, 2001 4:03 PM

**To:** senateredistricting@leg.state.fl.us; house.redistricting.web@leg.state.fl.us

**Cc:** ginny@florida-democrats.org

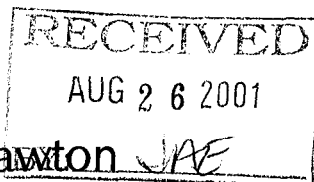
**Subject:** FL Redistricting

Because the Legislature is crafting a plan to redistrict Florida with as much secrecy as possible, I must protest vehemently! It's time to put an end to the tyrannical hypocrisies the Republicans seem to think they can continually get away with and then gloss it over with committees researching the "problems," presenting their innocuous reports, and simply going on to the next plot to conquer the world.

While many choose to wear blinders to these fascist actions, the rest of us have had enough! It's time for truth and freedom to rise up and be heard! All the details and proposed maps should be made public in an expeditious manner so that people can not only have a voice, but make a real difference in the outcome of this process.

Libby Peet, M.Ed.

New Smyrna Beach



Jean Lawton  
207 River Chase Drive  
Orlando, Florida 32807  
(407) 381-4368

August 22, 2001

Senate Reapportionment Committee  
Attention: Senate Plans  
103 Senate Office Building  
404 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Re: Redistricting Plans

I was not able to stay until I could speak to the Redistricting Committees when the hearing was held in Orlando. But I do want to let you know what I view as important considerations in the matter.

I do think it is important that after the proposal is made by the committee that at least two mark-up sessions be held to get further input from those representatives not on the committee as well as from the public. I think you should allow sufficient time to give legislators time to respond to the committee reports. I think you could take public testimony on redistricting by teleconferencing, and the public needs time to analyze the maps used in redistricting. I sincerely hope that the software used to prepare the maps will be truly available to the public.

I also think you should have districts which are as equal as possible, that districts should be compact and that the parts of the districts should be contiguous, that as far as possible districts should not be constructed to dilute voting strength of racial or minority groups, that district lines should not be drawn to favor a particular legislator or political party, and finally that districts should be single member districts.

Many people at the public hearing also mentioned these points, but I wanted to let you know that although I could not stay to testify, that I too believe these points must be considered in your deliberations.

Thank you,

Jean M. Lawton  
jmlawton@worldnet.att.net

**Patricia A. Hernandez**

26075 Halsey Road  
Brooksville, Florida 34601  
Phone: (352) 799-5957  
Email: ahernan@innet.com

**August 22, 2001**

**The Honorable Dan Webster, Chair  
Senate Committee on Reapportionment  
103 Senate Office Building  
Tallahassee, FL 32399**

**Re: Redistricting**

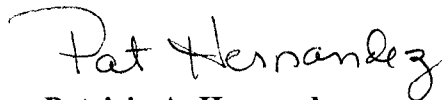
**Dear Mr. Webster:**

**Thank you for allowing us a voice in the matter of redistricting. We understand the fair redistricting principles are compactness, continuity, protecting communities of interest and regard for political subdivisions. Are these principles being followed and if not, why? Are there maps that have been created and are available for viewing and if so, we would very much like to see them.**

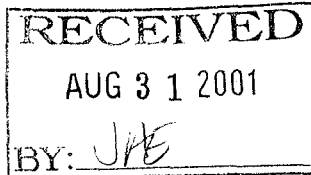
**And as a way to continue to have a voice in this most important endeavor, we ask for a commitment from you to allow us and others the opportunity to see and comment on maps via the internet as the project progresses.**

**We would very much like to receive a response from you to our questions and on how the input from the public is to be received in future.**

**Sincerely,**



**Patricia A. Hernandez**



1008 Sweetwater Blvd. So.  
Longwood Florida 32779  
August 23, 2001

Senator Jack Latvala  
Senate Subcommittee on Congressional Reapportionment  
103 Senate Office Building Attn: Joe Guthrie Staff Director  
Tallahassee Florida 32399

Dear Senator Latvala,

I am writing to you to express my opinion concerning the reconfiguration of the Seventh Congressional District. The incumbent Congressman as I am sure you are aware is John L. Mica. I have been fortunate to reside in Mr. Mica's district both at my previous residence, Deltona, in Volusia County and my current residence, Sweetwater Oaks, in Seminole County. This association in two counties has given me the opportunity to observe Mr. Mica in public service and compare his actions to my own experience with many government officials over the years. I find Mr. Mica to be an exemplary public servant.

Before being injured twice and retired I was a law enforcement officer in one of the most drug infested areas in our Country, the South Bronx N.Y. I therefore watched with great interest as Congressman Mica held hearings around the Nation in an effort to learn how to deal with this insidious problem. Most importantly I was pleased when he took the information that he acquired home to our district here in Central Florida. He arranged for a number of meetings with local Law Enforcement and Community Leaders in an effort to develop a plan to protect our community from the disasters that have occurred elsewhere. Perhaps, if New York had representatives with Mr. Mica's concern and tenacity the South Bronx would have been spared the plague that it experienced.

After my retirement as a police officer I became a consultant to the staff of the County Executive of Staten Island N.Y. My efforts concerned mass transit issues primarily those involving the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority and its subsidiaries (see enclosed). The NYMTA not only deals with the problem of mass transit on busses and commuter rails, it also operates almost a dozen toll bridges, tunnels and their access routes. My experience has made me acutely aware of the need for the early development of a long-range public transportation plan. I was therefore once again impressed when Mr. Mica exhibited both the political courage and the foresight to initiate the development of such projects. Politically, it is seldom easy to recognize the need for mass transit projects, quite often in fact it is a political minefield. Mr. Mica was willing to set aside the political risks. He made the attempt to develop the initial stages of a light-rail mass transit system in addition to interstate highway improvement projects.

I believe that Congressman Mica recognizes the need to develop mass transit prior to the demand for it. Such programs are necessary in order to preserve the quality of life of the citizens of Central Florida. To develop such projects after population growth has overwhelmed our roadways will be far more difficult and destructive for the environment. Growth in Central Florida is inevitable and Mr. Mica has demonstrated unusual leadership by attempting to plan for it. His continued participation in these projects is vital to our community.

There have been numerous other occasions in which Mr. Mica has demonstrated his willingness to go against the political currents in the best interest of our Country and his constituents. In my opinion it is this quality that differentiates the Politician from the Statesman. I believe that Congressman Mica has served our community well over the past decade and that great care should be taken to insure that he may continue to serve our area.

It is my fervent hope that you will take into account my humble opinion when you are developing the proposed reconfiguration of Congressional District 7. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Bomford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "J" and "B".

James Bomford

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# TBTA didn't scan E-ZPass warning

By ALEX MICHELINI

Daily News Staff Writer

Bridge officials ignored warnings a year and a half ago that could have prevented some of the problems plaguing the E-ZPass toll collection system, a consultant who studied the technology charges.

Staff members of the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority specifically discarded the idea of installing inground sensors in the toll lanes to read E-ZPass tags mounted under vehicles, said James Bomford of Deltona, Fla.

He said a report discussed at a Jan. 30, 1995, meeting with TBTA staffers pointed out that these hidden tags were less prone to electronic interference or theft.

But the TBTA opted for radio frequency antennas or scanners mounted atop the plaza toll booths to read tags located inside passing vehicles, Bomford said.

These scanners, he contended, have "major drawbacks."

He said their signals can become garbled by reflecting off vehicles in adjacent lanes, and they can be distorted by interference from cellular, citizen band and commercial radio transmissions.

The problem of stray signals can lead to misreads, overbilling and general confusion, the consultant contended.

"They knew there was a problem then," said Bomford, a former TBTA officer who serves as a consultant to a number of public agencies and who

prepared his E-ZPass report for Staten Island Borough President Guy Molinari.

TBTA spokesman Frank Pascual, who said he attended the January 1995 meeting, acknowledged that Bomford had been critical then of the overhead scanner system.

But he said the rash of misreads at the E-ZPass plazas do not appear to be a result of "cross-lane reads."

"We're looking at other things," he said.

Pascual said the TBTA decided that the inground antenna was a questionable alternative because of maintenance problems that might be caused by snow on the road and freezing weather.

At the same time, he conceded that TBTA plazas already have an underground wiring system that operates the toll lane gates.

In recent months, the Daily News has uncovered a raft of motorist complaints about overbilling that involve cars mistakenly charged at the higher truck rates.

In addition, hundreds of tags have been stolen from inside the windshields of vehicles, and there also have been complaints that tags that have been fastened to exterior license plates — because of a tinted-windshield problem — don't work.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority says it has ordered a review of every E-ZPass account with an eye toward reimbursing overbilled motorists.

Daily News 8/19/96

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# THE GREATER BRANDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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August 24, 2001

Senator Daniel Webster  
315 South Dillard Street  
Winter Haven, FL 34787

Dear Senator Webster:

As you prepare for the 2002 Legislative Session, the Greater Brandon Chamber of Commerce would like to express its interest in the state redistricting process and would also like to offer input for your consideration. Understanding the population growth in our area and the restraints placed upon each redistricting committee, it is the request of the Greater Brandon Chamber of Commerce that the greater Brandon area remain as intact as possible.

As more information becomes available and maps are presented, we will remain in contact with our ideas and positions. Dr. Robert Chunn, Hillsborough Community College, Dan Pilka, Pilka & Associates and Laura England, Greater Brandon Chamber of Commerce, have been appointed to work with your office to follow this issue. The Greater Brandon Chamber of Commerce is willing to take whatever actions deemed appropriate to assist all committees in their development and final approval of redistricting plans that benefit the greater Brandon community.

Please feel free to contact me, or the Chamber staff, should you have any questions, concerns or requests.

Sincerely,

Kimberly M. Boyle  
Chairman  
Greater Brandon Chamber of Commerce

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**From:** Ron Wolfe [mailto:arjaywolfe@earthlink.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 28, 2001 3:58 PM

**To:** House.redistricting.web@leg.state.fl.us; senateredistricting@leg.state.fl.us

**Cc:** Michael J. Carducci

**Subject:** FAIR - The Bait and Switch Event

Thanks for providing an opportunity for me to testify on behalf of FAIR during the Redistricting Public Hearing in Tampa on August 27, 2001.

Because the time allotted did not allow for the completion of my presentation, I'm attaching a copy for your review. I realize that the committee was primarily concerned with redistricting from a Florida State perspective. However, I wanted the committee to learn about the behavior of our Board of County Commissioners in redistricting Hillsborough County and serving the 1 million citizens.

Your plans to schedule these public hearings throughout the state are indeed noble. I'm hopeful that once the citizens input has been received that it will be incorporated as part of your redistricting efforts, unlike the experience we have had in Hillsborough County.

Ron Wolfe

[<http://www.TheArjayGroup.com>](http://www.TheArjayGroup.com)

To Senator Webster:

AUG 28, 2001

This is to encourage you to help put  
CITRUS COUNTY INTO ONE VOTING PRECINCT  
rather than the split precinct it is now.

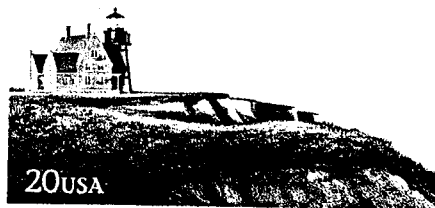
Our votes sometimes do not count &  
this is not fair.

Citrus county should be only ONE voting  
precinct & thank you for your help.

Karl C. Schulz

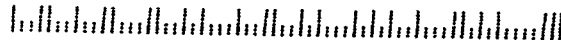
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THE HONORABLE DAN WEBSTER  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON REAPPORTIONMENT  
103 SENATE OFFICE BUILDING  
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DEAR SIR,

I AM WRITING ASKING FOR YOU TO APPLY ALL OF YOUR  
INFLUENCE IN THE COMING REDISTRICTING HEARINGS TOWARD FAIRNESS.  
I BELIEVE VERY STRONGLY IN THE PRINCIPLE OF "ONE PERSON ONE VOTE"  
AS EXPRESSED BY THE COURTS.

AS YOU AND YOUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL BE REDRAWING  
FLORIDA'S DISTRICTS I AM ASKING THAT YOU AND THEY ATTEMPT TO  
KEEP THE DISTRICTS GEOGRAPHICALLY COMPACT, ECONOMICALLY AND  
POLITICALLY COHESIVE, AND NOT GERRYMANDERED TO GIVE ADVANTAGE  
TO ONE PERSON, GROUP OR POLITICAL PARTY.

SINCERELY,



ROBERT W. BELLIN  
VOTER ID# 00490551  
PRINCINCT # 359  
LARGO, FL 33770

*Date*

*8/29/01*

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Deborah Clark  
Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections

August 29, 2001

The Honorable Daniel Webster, Chair  
Senate Committee on Reapportionment  
404 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

Re: Legislative Redistricting

Dear Senator Webster:

I am writing to wish you and your colleagues every success as you face the challenging task of developing a legislative redistricting plan for the State of Florida.

In a sense, we are partners in this endeavor. Once a redistricting plan is adopted and approved, it will be our responsibility to create new voting precincts or alter existing voting precincts to conform to the legislative (congressional, state senate, and state house) districts. Based on the increased population of Pinellas County and the anticipated impact of the redistricting plan, we anticipate a net gain of 55 precincts from 345 to 400.

We appreciate your seeking our input and we have provided precinct maps, precinct boundary descriptions, voter registration statistics, voting history statistics, and other related materials.

When we begin the process of defining precinct boundaries, there are certain criteria that we strive to adhere to. For one, no precinct will encompass more than one congressional district, state senate district or state house district. Whenever possible, we attempt to use geographical features (either natural or man made) to define precinct boundaries. We also take into consideration existing municipal boundaries and the boundaries of Board of County Commission and School Board districts. Lastly, we attempt to give consideration to "areas of local community interest." To us, that means that precinct boundaries, to the extent possible, do not split residential subdivisions or multi-family residential complexes (i.e., apartment complexes, condominiums, cooperatives, and mobile home parks).

Adhering to these criteria lessens disruptions to voting patterns and reduces voter confusion. We hope that you will give consideration to these criteria as you develop your plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts on this subject with you. Again, if we can provide any other assistance or input, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Deborah Clark  
Supervisor of Elections

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August 29, 2001

The Honorable Daniel Webster, Chair  
Senate Committee for Reapportionment  
103 Senate Office Building  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Senator Webster,

I am concerned that the reapportionment process redrawing voter districts be completed in a fair manner.

I sincerely hope that the revised districts will be geographically and politically compact, fair to racial and ethnic residents regardless of political affiliation, be economically and politically cohesive, and not be "gerrymandered" to benefit a person, group or political party.

Also, I believe it is important to hold public hearings very soon after the new maps are drawn for public comment.

Your consideration of these factors is encouraged for the benefit of all voters.

  
Dennis Tuck



3743 Appleton Court  
PALM HARBOR, FL. 34684

August 30, 2001

The Honorable Daniel Webster:

As a registered voter in Pinellas County,  
I am deeply concerned the subject of re-districting.  
My concern is that each district be apportioned  
to be fair to all: racial and ethnic groups,  
regardless of Party affiliations.

Also, that Public Hearings be accessible to  
all and held after the maps are drawn.

Thanking you in advance

I remain -

Sincerely  
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**Arthur W. Lavidge  
1993 Seton Drive  
Clearwater, FL 33763  
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**August 30, 2001**

**The Honorable Dan Webster, Chair  
Senate Committee of Reapportionment  
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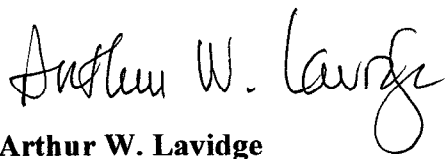
**Dear Mr. Webster,**

**I hope that you will make every effort to do a fair and honest reapportionment. Please resist any temptation to gerrymander. Your reputation is at stake.**

**I am worried because of the actions of your Republican colleagues during the last two years. I still can't believe that you repealed the Motorcycle Helmet Law. Are you aware that the death rate in motorcycle accidents has quintupled since passage? This repeal has had appalling consequences and I wonder if the legislators think about such consequences. I also wonder how they sleep at night if they do.**

**Think about what is right and don't give in to temptation. You will be glad you did when the pendulum swings the other way. Trust me...it surely will.**

**Cordially,**

  
**Arthur W. Lavidge**

August 31, 2001

Senator Daniel Webster, Chairman  
Senate Reapportionment Committee  
315 South Dillard St.  
Winter Garden, FL 34787

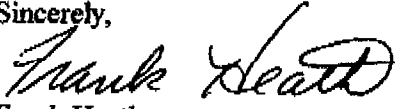
Honorable Senator Webster:

I am attaching an editorial from the Citrus County Chronicle's issue of 08/26/01 by Publisher Mr. Mulligan. His comments and allegation of designing boundaries for pure political reasons are certainly convincing. The Florida Legislature has the opportunity to design fair and proper boundaries in the current process.

I implore you to design boundaries that will dispel Mr. Mulligan's concerns and the general public's concerns, **AND**, give each elector equal weight.

I sent a copy of this by e-mail to Sen. Richard Mitchell, Sen. Anna Cowin and Sen. Ginny Brown-Waite.

Sincerely,

  
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